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SUBJ: PETROLEUM: IRAQ DEVELOPMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

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1. DURING MEETING

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WITH SENIOR KOC OFFICER ON OTHER MATTER EMBOFF
ASKED WHETHER HE THOUGHT RECENT IRAQI ATTACK ON KUWAITI BORDER
POST WOULD HAVE ANY BEARING ON NATIONAL ASSEMBLY VOTE ON PARTI-
CIPATION AGREEMENT. KOC OFFICIAL SAID THAT ATTACK HAD UNIFIED
KUWAITIS AROUND GOK AND THEREFORE IMPROVED CHANCES ASSEMBLY WOULD
VOTE TO RATIFY AGREEMENT. LOC OFFICIALS' S PERSONAL OPINION WAS
THAT IRAQ ATTACK SERVED REMIND KUWAITIS THEIR INTERESTS WERE BEST
SERVED BY MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS WITH WEST AND THEREFORE
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT SHOULD BE APPROVED AS IMPORTANT PART OF
SUCH A POLICY.

2. IRONICALLY, HOWEVER, LOC OFFICIAL SOMEWHAT CONCERNED OVER
RECENT SETTLEMENT BETWEEN GOI AND IPN. HE NOT BOTHERED BY
NATIONALIZATION BUT HE FEARS THAT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT RE
BASJURISDICTION BY GOT IS VERY RARE AND RESTS ON
PREMISE THAT ACCUSED WILL BE TRIED BY SENDING STATE.
IF THERE IS TO BE HOPE, HOWEVER SLIM, THAT WE CAN TO
SOME EXTENT IMPROVE WAIVER SITUATION IN TURKEY, WE
MUST DEMONSTRABLY EXERCISE OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO TRY
IN THOSE CASES WHERE WAIVERS ARE GRANTED.

4. THEREFORE, DESPITE ANY LEGAL AND PRACTICAL
DIFFICULTIES, WE URGE THAT SOME VENUE FOR TRIAL BE
PROMPTLY FOUND.
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